

Ayurveda Pharmacy.

157. MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the audit report on the Ayurveda Pharmacy has been considered by them and whether orders have been passed thereon?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to place the said report on the table?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) The report is still under consideration and final orders have not yet been issued.

(b) The question will be considered when final orders are issued.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): May I know for how long this matter has been pending with the Government now?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For about seven months.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): May I know when we may expect final orders to be passed?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Final orders will be passed as early as possible. (*Laughter.*)

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): That is very vague. May I know approximately what further time the Government will take for passing orders?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think it will take more than a month.

Prohibition of Ezhava Processions at Alleppey.

158. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): (a) Have the Government received any memorial from the Ezhavas of Alleppey praying for permission to take their processions through the public roads on either side of the Commercial Canal?

(b) If so, will the Government be pleased to pass early orders removing the prohibition and enabling the memorialists to take their processions through the streets in question?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) and (b) A memorial on the subject was received from the Ezhavas of Alleppey on the 18th August, 1920. It was referred to the District Magistrate, Quilon, and as he was against granting the prayer of the memorialists, the memorial was recorded on the 14th June, 1921. Government will re-examine the question.

Preference to Nanjanad Vellala Women in Girls' Schools.

159. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to issue instructions to the authorities concerned to give preferential consideration to the women applicants of the Nanjanad Vellala community, when filling vacancies in the Girls' School branch of the Education Department?

[Mr. S. Paramesvara Aiyar.]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Mr. Van Ross's Case.

160. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*):

(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in the present Van Ross-Poti case, they propose to meet the cost of Mr. Van Ross?

(b) If so, what are the reasons for doing so?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Government have engaged a vakil to conduct the prosecution.

(b) The member's attention is invited to Circular No J. 835, dated the 16th February, 1910 (*vide* page 75, Vol. III, *Land Revenue Manual*).

Revenue under Customs Duty.

161. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*):

(a) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the revenue of the State under customs duty in 1096, 1097 and 1098?

(b) What was the amount received by them during these years from the British Government under the Interportal Trade Convention?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) The statement asked for is given below:—

1096	Rs. 23,30,284.
1097	Rs. 26,83,881.
1098	Rs. 25,23,964.

The above amounts include the compensation received from the British Government under the Interportal Trade Convention for the years in question.

(b) 1096	Rs. 38,692.
1097	Rs. 36,658.
1098	Rs. 10,543.

Sale of Liquor after 8 P. M.

162. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): With reference to the answer to question No. 49 asked on the 18th Karatakam, 1098, will the Government be pleased to state whether the Excise Inspector referred to therein was punished, and, if so, what was the punishment?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Excise Inspector was fined Rs. 5 and warned.